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BOOK NOTICES.

Handbook on the Law of Torts. By William B. Hale, LL.B., author of "Bailments and Carriers," "Damages," etc. Law sheep, 636 pages. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1896.

The list of text books on the subject of Torts has received an exceedingly valuable addition in this work of Mr. Hale's, one of the most recent of the "Hornbook Series." Though written, as the author states in his preface, merely as an abridgement in a single volume of the more extended treatise of Mr. Jaggard, the language and mode of treatment in many parts are the writer's own. This is true especially of the chapters on "Negligence" and "Master and Servant," which are exceedingly well written. The tendency of the entire book is toward clearness and accuracy in the statement of the legal principles involved, and the effect of this is supplemented by the typographical arrangement common to all the "Hornbook Series," the principles being printed in conspicuous bold-faced type, and the discussion and explanation of these in ordinary print. The notes and references are copious, and conflicting authorities carefully indicated wherever they occur.

The Law of Passenger and Freight Elevators. By James Avery Webb of the St. Louis and Memphis Bars. Half law sheep, 128 pages. The F. H. Thomas Law Book Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1896.

Mr. Webb, who is already well known to the legal profession as the editor of the last edition of "Burrill on Assignments," "Pollock on Torts," and "Smith on Negligence," has produced a very instructive monograph on the law of elevators. The subject is concisely and yet fully treated, and the volume forms a complete digest of the existing law in respect to this class of carriers. At the end of the book is a collection of the statutory provisions in the different States regulating the construction and operation of elevators.

Studies in the Civil Law. By William Wirt Howe, formerly Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Cloth, 329 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., 1896.

Judge Howe, while occupying the position of W. L. Storrs Professor of Municipal Law in Yale University in the year 1894, delivered a very able series of lectures on the study of the Civil Law, and on its connection with English and American law. These lectures he has revised and expanded and published for the first time in book form. The first part of the volume is de-